

Decatur, Illinois.

March 21st 1857

Dr. John D. Mc Neil,

1127 Pine Street,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Mc Neil:

Your letter of the 17th inst. arrived this a.m., in re - the Postoffice of Millpoint, W. Va., originally "Cacobytown", and some inquiry concerning the "Cacoby Family".

You seem to have settled at least the time that "Millpoint, King" (now W. Va.) became a "U. S. Post office" - however, the name of the town could have been changed earlier than the date the P.O. was established.

I have a copy of a letter written on Feb. 6 1893 by Dr. Cephus Buckley, Meyersville, Pa. to "Mr. H. Cacoby" of Kanesboro, W. Va. (This Mr. H. is the son of Valentine Buckley Sr. - not the "Mr. H. of near Millpoint"), in which he was stating info. about the King Buckley - and his letter contained the following paragraph = "I am list of battle skirmishes in Va. I find the name 'Cacobytown'. I could not find such a Postoffice - where is it? I believe Mr. Buckley speaks of the place where at Gettysburg." =

Of course, this has reference to "Civil War Skirmishes", and this would be thirty years after the date the U. S. Dep't. Records show that the town was Millpoint. (1865 - but 1835 - 30 years) However, between 1865 and 1865 the residents and the Civil War soldiers and correspondents, evidently still called the little village "Cacobytown". The above listed 1893 letter was where I conceived the idea that "Cacobytown" did not become "Millpoint" until the latter part of the Civil War, or later.

The above named "Dr. Cephus Buckley" was of the 27th Generation, a son of (w) Joseph (name) and Elizabeth (name) H., and he a son of (w) Elias (name) H., a son of "Jacob Buckley Sr. (1701-1788), W. Va. Gen. No. 1.

You ask the privilege to look over my "Cacoby" data at some time - and that "Bill" Buckley may have given me much of this material. "Bill" had sent me no data, until a letter came on March 21st - in which he sent info. for his Branch, his parents, great parents, and great grand parents (Gen. No. 3) - of Levi (name) S.B. and Nancy (name) (Buckley) Buckley. He sent no data, not even names, for his grandfathers (w) Wm. James (w) J. Buckley and 2 Sisters.

I note that you are compiling a History of the "Mc Neil Family". Therefore, I am wondering how far back you may have traced the original "Cacoby" ancestors who came by the "Cacoby" - and if you know about the first spellings of the original Family name of "Cacoby", namely - "Cacoby" - "Cacoby" & "Cacoby"?

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only the father and 2 sons signed, namely, Sebastian, Diedrich (Signed as Diddy) and Jean. Sebastian Jr. died en route.

The "Passenger" list showed them as follows:-

No. 70 - SEBASTIAN CACKENE, age 50 yrs; No. 71 - SEBASTIAN CACKENE, age 22 yrs (DIED); No. 72 - DIEDERICK CACKENE, age 20 yrs; and No. 73 - Hans (actually Jean) CACKENE, age 17 yrs. One other male died en route, namely, HANS LONER.

The "Passenger" list showed 120 males, 167 passengers - but 2 deceased came off - but only 112 signed the other two lists - so 6 evidently went to other colonies to settle.

A distant relative of "Chas. B. Johnson" - "Mrs. H. E. Collins" (Chas. B. Johnson's son, Mr. H. E. Collins) New York, and others = the Gen. No. 6 - Mrs. B. Johnson's "Sister" for her to use his "Thomas" - and she actually believed the "Caguelins" WERE our original ancestors. I will relate more of "Mrs. H. E. Collins" later.

I could not see these "Caguelins" as our original ancestors for three reasons - FIRST - because I felt sure in Mrs. NOTFORD; SECOND - none of the names of "SEBASTIAN, DIEDERICK OR JEAN" ever appeared in the "Jacob Kerkley Sr. Manuscript", or any of his children, or grand children's Bchs.; THIRD - his name was "Jacob Jr." Spelled his name "Kerkley", as did his 5 children.

Therefore, when I had a little spare time in 1953, I began a search in Penn. to either PROVE or DISPROVE these "Caguelins" as our original ancestors. In about 4 months, by correspondence, I PROVED (thru the Caguelin Family Gen. Encyclopedia Mr. Henry S. Cackley, Allentown, Penn.) that the Caguelins were not even a "LINEAGE" by any of Sebastian SRs. I discovered tracing into either a "Kerkley or Cackley" Family. If I could have contacted this "Henry S. Cackley" at first - 10 days ago at least I would have needed to PROVE them not even a "LINEAGE".

The "British Englishing Law" of 1718 in the "County of Bucks". Finally caught up with the Caguelin Family in the third generation in Penn., arriving about 1760, where they were - "Cockley - Cackley & Cackley (s)".

Now, about "Mrs. H. E. Collins" - She was not what I would call a "Historian" - but she was searching for an ancestor - she was a "Rev. War Soldier" - so she could become a "D.D.". She looked down - "Haskins - Hamilton - Tilly - just - Garin (Baker and Collins)". She knew that the "Rev. War Soldier" - BUT she could not



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 that in the 1700's boundary lines were quite indistinct - she went  
 up into Leicester & Cumberland Cos. Penn., and took a "John  
Cockley" (actually John Caguelin) who was shown as a "Private  
 in Cumberland Co. Pa. Militia, 3rd Battalion in 1781," and she  
 added - "had Leicester Co. Penn.". He - probably never fired a gun  
 at any body in the Rev. War - as the peace treaty was signed in 1784.

The "caginelined" line lineage this way:- Ernest Barn Collins,  
 dtr. of Sam M. Tribley Collins, dtr. of Frederic West Tribley, dtr. of  
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she brought in: An Archivist, Penn. State Library; Frank Huguenot;  
Sebastian Caguelin, his Son Sebastian (died & never reached Penn - D.E.K.),  
Diedrich and Jean; Anne May Gayley - a member Penn. Huguenot Soc.  
 from "Jean"; John Caguel owner of Grist Mills near Winchester Va;  
 who was one of four brothers who operated mills near Rapon Springs Va;  
 about 1817 (was 1817 D.E.K.) John Kachley (Kockley - Cockley - Cackley)  
 came to Guernsey Co. Ohio from near Winchester Va. The name is also  
 spelled "GOGLEY - KEELEY - KUECHELE - KOCHLEH & GOCKLEY".

This was sure a "Master piece of deceit" - but she  
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After - 3 yrs. searching - I secured her "old Stoll Press Box"  
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immigrant (settled) and settled in what is now Frederick County.  
 Here he owned approx. 2,000 acres of land and operated a  
 "plantation" for about 47 years; or until his death in 1788.  
 Have you ever learned where this plantation was located?

GEN. NO. 1 - KECKLEY FAMILY HISTORY

Jacob (unc) Keckley Sr. B- <sup>1701</sup> in Stannheim, Northamptn, Germany.  
 D- Feb 18-1788 in FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRG.  
 Buried Feb. 18-1788 in Old Furnace Cemetery, Near St. John's Church  
and Cemetery, Location about 1/2 mile west of Mount Vernon, on State  
Route No. 600.  
Made - about 1740 in Lancaster, Penn., He Belonged To -  
Acc - B- -1717; D- -1803 in Frederick Co., VIRG.  
Buried in St. John's Cemetery.

= CHILDREN =

(1) Jacob (unc) Keckley <sup>Sr.</sup> B- 7-30-1744, Lancaster Co. Penn. D- 4-7-1803, GREENSBY Co.  
Ohio - Now in Ohio Co., 1/2 mile S.E. of Pleasant City, GREENSBY Co. Ohio.  
He Had 3 Sons & 5 Daughters - Most of them lived in Greensby Co. Ohio.  
He Was A Freeholder. Buried in C.S. Keckley Cemetery S.E. of Pleasant City, Ohio.

(2) Jacob (unc) Keckley <sup>Sr.</sup> B- Birth or Death Date - approx. Maryland - Died - by 2 Sons & 3 Daughters.  
Inherited the Home Plantation in 1788, Died in State of Ohio  
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Two Cemetery, located about 2 1/2 miles from Mount Pleasant, on State  
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Age ————— } B — — — — — -1717; D — — — — — -1808 In Frederick Co., Virg.  
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(1) Jean (Nona) Krokaw <sup>SR</sup> 12-7-30-1744, Anderson Co. Tenn. B-479-1873, Greenway Co.  
 Age - Other - None in Noble Co., 2 1/2 miles S.E. of Pleasant City, Greenway Co. Ohio.  
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(2) JAMES (NWT) KECKLEY<sup>28</sup> { NO BIRTH OR DEATH DATA. MARR. MARGARET FURST - Dec 25 1883 DIES.  
INHERITED THE HOME PLANTATION IN 1908, DIED IN STATE CATH  
IN NEW YORK STATE. - KATHIE EVIDENTLY HERB KATHIE BY NAME MARGARET,  
AS NO RECORDS COULD BE FOUND.

71 Living with CRICKLEY <sup>SR</sup>  
His Birth or Death Dates - Died "Merry (None), FRYE" of Bay of Spanish, Va.,  
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Redwood Co., Va., son Gen. Dir. of Benjamin Frye (Birth Feb. 2, 1733).  
This Frye Family Came from Northampton Co Penn in 1736 and settled  
in "Cedar Creek". In 1784 Valentine Co. 58, migrated to  
what is now Locustville Co. Va., at first he had Greenbrier Co.,  
He settled at what is now "Millpoint, W. Va.", where he established  
his "Crickley Ferry". Here he built a modern mill for timber;  
protected a "mill"; started a "fire-hammer" and a timber store.  
He also promoted & encouraged other valuable industries in 1800.  
His services in 1812 earned him the title of Major in the U.S. Army.

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I learned of the above books when I bought a modern deluxe map of Hampshire & Pocahontas Co's, W. Va. from the "Dept. of Highways" at Charleston, W. Va. - and on March 7th received a note letter from State Auditor "Edgar B. Sims". In my letter I asked if any Ke-Kaw-Cawley's lived in Charleston, and that I was interested in knowing of grants and deeds land grants and deeds land grants of these persons in Hampshire Co. from about 1760 onward - as it seems that hunting in these records. maps all destroyed during the last war. Records advised that he had made a brief search of the assessments records and grants of Hampshire Co. (then eastern records in 1781) but did not find any grants or deeds names - but did find in 1809 the name of Abraham Hester, 177 years. In 1810 the name is Edgar as Abraham Hester 1810-1820 as Abraham Hester. No other

to verify death date for the 2nd time -

1837 (year) in 1856, Tricking to Ohio, he met "Amy (name) Hancock" (1837-1920) who fell they married via "Carnegie", with a teacher to them. Colombus he & wife to near Bloomington, McKean Co. Ill., where they settled on a farm - they had 7 sons & 2 daughters - (1) John Shulley is my father - (1860-1917) died 1881 - "Cynthia Rebecca White" (that last name if you care) in McKean Co. Ill. (1866 - still living but indigent, age - past 70 years) - they had 1 son & 1 daughter - (1) Dorothy Keckley, the writer - b. 1-18-1886, died 6-16-1917 Windsor, Ind., "Amy Nelson Sims" b. 3-13-1891 Jasper Co. Ind. - both living - no children. The wife a "Steel Division" - Wendell Clark Nov. 1949 - left side affected - still in a "wheel-chair", and will be the balance of her days there.

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The above info. about the land assessed to "Abraham Ka"  
was exactly what I was seeking - and - that info. took me NOTHING.  
I had understood (from the 1893 letter of Dr. Ephes Ka.) that "Abraham" Ka.  
died on his farm which adjoined Dr. E. Ka's father's (Joseph Ka.) at  
near Capon Bridge, Va. (now, W. Va.) - this death was on 6-15-1849. The main  
reason for my present interest in "Abraham Ka's Family" is - that  
we now suspect our "John Keckley (1800-72)" of Licking Co., Ohio  
may be a son of this ("Abraham Keckley", the son of "William Ka Sr.")  
In my detail to map of Hampshire Co., I locate the Stream -  
Valley of Mill Branch, just to the N.E. of Capon Bridge, and on the  
west slopes of Timber Ridge - a continuation of the "Big or  
Great North Mountain Range".

I am on "Class" 2 to secure a "Series" in Charleston W. Va. to  
search the U.S. Census Records of Bloomington Township near the origin  
of Mill Branch for the years of 1810 and 1820 of the "Abraham &  
Jonathan Whipple Keckley Family" to secure all the names of their  
children, which will show their whereabouts on these two Census years.  
Both Census records are necessary, because some show in the 1810 Census  
which by 1820 will be married and listed elsewhere, and some show in  
the 1820 Census those who by 1810 were the 1810 Census was taken.  
at Abraham's home near "Jenny" whose age shows he must  
be born in 1804. These problems will seem to be "Solved".

Of course you know how difficult it is to secure info. for  
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a few "houses" will get the census return or the whole display of treated  
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Mr. Campbell's last "Mr. William H. Kacalay" of Bygonville, Ohio directed \$5.00 in one, which produced the following item taken from "Rev. Christian Streit's" Diary: = "Feb. 18-1788 - BURIED AT OLD FURNACE, JACOB KECKLEY, AGED 86 YEARS, FROM STAM HEIM, MORTTEM OBER. TEXT ROT. 14:13."

"I have known of this 'Rev. C. Streit' the Lutheran Church Minister at Mortimer from July, 19-1785 to 1814 - as his name appears on many of the Kacalay & Kacalay Boys & Girls Marriage Records of that Era; and we had utmost confidence in him and his records, therefore, we feel the above 'Burial Entry' is as authentic as any 'Public Record'. All of Jacob Keckley's Sons, except Benjamin - and his wife 'Alice' were living when he was buried on Feb. 18-1788 - therefore, he secured the above info. for his sermon and 'Diary' - direct from the family, so, it MUST BE AUTHENTIC.

The authorities to me settled 'Hittens' for "Jacob Keckley", namely, his approx. Birthyear, Death Date, Nationality - and above all that his original name was in the 'Colonies' was "KECKLEY", which I have contended for the first 5 years, although in his will the 'name' spelled it 'Kacalay' - which "Jacob" signed with 'his name'. If he could not sign his own name - then - he evidently could not read either, or, he could not determine that his name was INCORRECTLY SPOelled.

In re - your original ancestor's name - I imagine that you may be deceived by now that it was "McNICH" - German - and pronounced as "McNICH" or "McNICH". And the spelling became changed by the pronunciation, the same as the "Kacalay" name.

In further reference to the "Rev. Streit Diary Entry" - I feel that this 'Diary' would disclose many things that the Liederbach & Hengstler County 'Judge Records' did not yet show - and that it would be foolish to pay the 'High Sonographer' \$1.00 every time we suspected an error might be found in it - so, why not try to locate that 'Diary'.

So, I wrote the present members of the Hittens Lutheran Church, and learned that the church 'books' had published in 1924 a book entitled 'in a Hittens', which included the 'Rev. Streit Diary' (supposed) obliterated as 84.00 per copy. So, I sent along and had 6 copies written a note. The 'Diary' covered 43 pages - but, bigger

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on July 19-1788, and ended abruptly on Nov. 28-1788 - not even completing the year 1788 - a coverage of about 3 1/2 years ONLY. Very disappointing, as I anticipated "Diary" covering possibly 40 or 50 years. Only two "Diary" items appeared, namely, the burial of Jacob Sr., and the election on Dec. 15-1787 of "Ellis Kecalley" as a Reformed Deacon of the "Old Sumner Church". No other "Kecalley" names appeared in the 396 page Book, namely, "Harry B." as Elder 1788-89 and Financial Secy. 1915 - at Henric, and "Frank" as a confirmed member in the Dec 31-1950 listing.

And during the 3 1/2 years of the "Diary" Rev. Street gave 386 Sermons, was baptisms, 163 Confirmations, had 157 Marriages, Burials & 43 Funerals. But not a single marriage of a "Kecalley or a Kackley". He also preached at many other Southern Churches in that Section - also 3 times at Phila, Penn., one at Lancaster, Penn., Haguenau, Ind. & Cincinnati. These trips were all made on "horseback" - took one week to ride to Phila, or two weeks for America. He came to Lancaster, Penn. "Rev. G. Street" died in Henric on 3-10-1814. Served there 1785-1794 & 1804-1814 18 years, and as Minister New Road Church 1795-1803 or 9 years - a total of 27 years in "The Valley of Virginia". He died at age of 67 years 9 mos. & 3 days. If you are a "Kitchener" - the book "This Heritage" would be very interesting to you, as it covers the founding of the Southern Churches in Virginia.

If you are interested in H. Virg., write "Edgar B. Shinn" State Auditor, Room, Charleston, W. Va., for a copy of his Circular on his "Diary" - and copies of the "Map of present W. Va. as of 1788 - and as of 1780", which will give you an excellent idea of the Section you were born in, and for \$2.50 you may obtain a very detail Map of Pocahontas Co., W. Va., which shows all farm residences.

Since Auditor Shinn's last name is the same as my wife's maiden name - I am "playing a few cards" with him - for some additional info on Hampshire County, because the records at Romney now date back to only 1866 - prior ones destroyed during "Civil War" - he seems very accommodating - so to further the sale of his "Diary". I may get some extra favors!

I have not yet asked "John" to pinpoint the two "Mills" built by Daniel Kecalley, Sr. Are they on the Small Stream that flows thru Hampshire and empties into the "Green River" about 1 1/2 miles away, or on the Green River? I have assumed that Reddy's are now being operated. In 1860 Co. Rep. published by the State House "Saw Mills", but the "Saw Mills" - a "Sawmill Industry" is shown at "Millpoint", near a mine, and one near town, and one near town, and nearly 2 years later and one near town. "John" tells me the population 23 1/2 persons.

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Lutheran Church. "Walt" tells me the population is 12 persons.







Report - on a list of 10 children - there are a few that  
"have" given their own data - and - when other branches No. 7  
give their data - you are forced to seek "Public Records" -  
and if not convenient to "view", you must buy them, which soon  
runs into many dollars extra expense.

To save expense, I plan to soon go to Charleston, Ill., and  
have them "dig out" the death & birth record books for me to  
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1800 onward. This will involve probably two or three days time - but  
will save about \$100.00 in "fees" for Certified Records. Before the  
trip - I plan to go to Springfield, and search the "1865 State Census"  
"micro-film-records" (with a good magnifying glass), to help determine  
if the families were then still living - if not - then I will know  
they died sometime between Aug. 1 - 1860 (Census taking date), and  
the date the State Census taken in 1860 - I must search in both  
counties of "Coles & Cumberland" to determine this. Then somehow  
I must learn their approx. death dates, and try to find their  
burial place in some rural cemetery - a tough job.

Many "Historians" take what is sent them, and leave the "Stitcher"  
branch go - but that means a very poor "History" - So, I make every  
effort possible to complete every branch 100% - IF they do not take  
too much money to complete.

By the way - can you furnish me the names and address of any of  
the descendants of - (6) Joseph & Susan (McClure) Co. and (7) Benjamin &  
Mary "McClure" "Ceciley" who migrated to Jackson Co. Ohio? - We  
are now unable to locate any of these branches.

I also note your guess "Thomas Bell's" wife as Ann Ceciley -  
the name is recorded as "Ande". Are we wrong?

"Ande" takes the name value of "MILLA BELLE CECILEY", 1315 East  
Main Street, Evansville, Mo. - have never written her - where does she  
live now in Evansville, Mo.?

In answer to the above 3 questions, I wanted like to "relay"  
the "Ceciley" family, who is processing the "Ceciley" branch.

Now, I must confess that the letter has run into a "book"  
where I only intended to write 2 or 3 pages - so - I must beg  
your pardon. Probably much of this "Ceciley & McClure" data  
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trip - I plan to go to Springfield, and search the "1865 State Census"  
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in the records as "Hill". Are Mr. & Mrs. Hill?

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Main Street, Springfield, Mo. - have never written her - where does she  
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Very truly yours,

F. Carl K. K. K.,  
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Decatur, Illinois  
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Dr. John O. McNeel  
1127 Pine Street  
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Dear Dr. McNeel:

Your letter of the 22nd inst. arrived this a. m., in re: the postoffice of Millpoint, W. Va., originally Cackleytown, and same inquiry concerning the Cackley Family.

You seem to have settled at least the time that Millpoint, Virg., (now W. Va.) became a U. S. Post Office, however, the name of the town could have been changed earlier than the date the P. O. was established.

I have a copy of a letter ~~written~~ written on Feb. 6, 1893 by Dr. Cephus Kackley to Wm. H. Cackley, of Ronceverte, W. Va., (this Wm. H. C. the son (8) Valentine Cackley, Jr., not the Wm. H. C. of near Millpoint) in which he was seeking info. about the Virg. Cackleys - and his letter contained the following paragraph - "~~boundbombox~~ In a list of battle skirmishes in Va. I find the name Cackleytown. I could not find such a postoffice. Where is it? I think Wm. Cackley spoke of the place when at father's."

Of course this has reference to Civil War skirmishes and this would be thirty years after the date the P. O. Dept. Records show that the town was Millpoint. (1865 less 1835=30 years). However between 1862 and 1865 the residents and the Civil War soldiers and correspondents evidently still called the little village Cackleytown. The above listed 1893 letter was where I conceived the idea that Cackleytown did not become Millpoint until the latter part of the Civil War, or later. The above named Dr. Cephus Kackley was of the 4th generation, a son of (4) Joseph (none) and Elizabeth (Turner) Ka., and he a son of (4) Elias (none) Kackley, Sr., a son of Jacob Kackley, Sr. (1701-1788), or Gen. No. 1.

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I note that you are compiling a History of the McNeel Family, therefore, I am wondering how far back you may know about the original Keckley ancestors, who came to the colonies and if you know about the three spellings of the original family name of - Keckley -- namely - Keckley, Kackley & Cackley.

Before I forget it - you are welcome to come look over my Keckley Family History data, at any time it may suit your convenience - however - I wish to state that my "Cackley Branches" data IS LIMITED, as I personally have contacted none of the "Cackley Branches" - I ran onto Bill in a rather peculiar manner. I wrote the Assoc. of Commerce at Millpoint not then knowing it was such a small village - my letter was sent to the Prison Camp - then relayed to Wm. H. Cackley of the Twin Trees Farm - and he replied - my inquiry concerned the date that Cackleytown became Millpoint - and Bill did not know.

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#### CHILDREN

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#### CHILDREN

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So, I wrote the present minister of the Winchester Lutheran Church and learned that the church Trustees had published in 1954 a book obtainable at \$4.00 per copy. So, I sent check and had a copy within a week. The "Diary" covered 43 pages - but - began on July 19, 1785, and ended abruptly on Nov. 28, 1788 - not - even completing the year 1788 - a coverage of about 3 1/3 years ONLY. Very disappointing as I anticipated "Diaries" covering possibly 40 or so years. Only two "Keckley" items appeared, namely, the burial of Jacob, Sr., and the election on Dec. 15, 1787 of "Elias Keckley" as a Reformed Deacon of the "Old Furnace Church". Two other "Keckley" names appeared in the 396 paged Book, namely, "Harry B." as Elder 1922-25 and Financial Sec'y. 1915 at Winchester and "Frank" as a confirmed member in the Dec. 31, 1953 listing.

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So, with this, I will bring this lengthy letter to a close, write when it may be convenient - and if you have any questions - fire them to me - and I will do my best to answer them.

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